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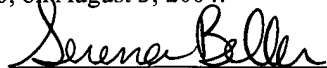
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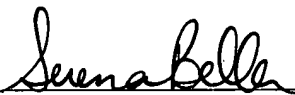
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 10, 2004 (Paper No. 10), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 10, 2004, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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